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**Subject: 12th Street Landfill, Otsego Township, Michigan
(Operable Unit #4 of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/
Kalamazoo River Superfund Site)
Progress Report for October Through December 2008**

Dear Michael:

In accordance with Paragraph 44 of the Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit #4 and the Plainwell, Inc., Mill, I am submitting the attached progress report for the period from October 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008, for the above-referenced site.

Please call me, at 253-218-5147, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Weyerhaeuser Company

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Hale". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name.

Jennifer Hale
Environmental Manager

Attachment

cc: Paul Bucholtz, MDEQ (3 copies)
Jeff Keiser, CH2M Hill
Marv Lewallen, Weyerhaeuser Company
Joe Jackowski, Weyerhaeuser Company
Mark Schneider, Perkins Coie
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Progress Report No. 4
October 1, 2008, Through December 31, 2008

Remedial Design and Remedial Action for the 12th Street Landfill
(Operable Unit No. 4 of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site)
Otsego Township, Michigan

This progress report is being submitted in accordance with Paragraph 44 of the Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit No. 4 and the Plainwell, Inc., Mill Property of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (Consent Decree).

1. Summary of Work Performed During the Current Reporting Period:
 - On October 6, 2008, Weyerhaeuser completed its acquisition of the 12th Street Landfill property from Plainwell, Inc.
 - On October 8, 2008, Weyerhaeuser submitted to the U.S. EPA the Preliminary Design Report.
 - On October 21, 2008, representatives of Weyerhaeuser, the U.S. EPA, the MDEQ, and the City of Plainwell met in Plainwell. The meeting was focused on Operable Unit 7, the Plainwell Mill but some of the representatives also toured the 12th Street Landfill to view site conditions during the removal of the water control structure that had been associated with the Time Critical Removal action in the Plainwell Impoundment.
 - On December 17, 2008, Weyerhaeuser received comments from the U.S. EPA on the Preliminary Design Report. Weyerhaeuser will submit a response-to-comments document and a Pre-Final Design Report to the U.S. EPA by January 19, 2009.
2. Summary of Data Collected During the Current Reporting Period:
 - No sampling activities were undertaken during the current reporting period.
3. Summary of Activities Undertaken in Support of the Community Relations Plan (completed during the current reporting period and anticipated during the next period):
 - No activities were undertaken during the current reporting period, and none are anticipated during the next period.
4. Summary of Any Modifications to the Workplans or Other Schedules Proposed to, or Approved by, the U.S. EPA:
 - Weyerhaeuser received comments from the U.S. EPA on the Preliminary Design Report on December 17, 2008. Weyerhaeuser will submit a response-to-comments document and a Pre-Final Design Report to the U.S. EPA by January 19, 2009. Based on these dates, Weyerhaeuser anticipates that the Remedial Action activities can still take place in 2009, however, any further delays will push the Remedial Action activities into 2010.
5. Summary of Problems Encountered During the Current Reporting Period:
 - None.

6. Summary and Schedule of Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period (January through March 2009):
 - Weyerhaeuser plans to submit a Pre-Final Design Report to the U.S. EPA, including a comment/response document, by January 19, 2009.
 - Following the receipt of the U.S. EPA's comments on the Pre-Final Design Report, Weyerhaeuser will address the comments and submit a Final Design Report to the U.S. EPA.
7. Anticipated Problems Associated With Work During the Next Period:
 - None.
8. Planned Resolution of Past or Anticipated Problems:
 - None are needed.
9. Other Relevant Information:
 - None